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Bombshell Resignation By Spaak

Condemns Council Of Europe

Strasbourg, Dec. 11. M. Paul Henri Spaak, former Belgian Socialist Prime Minister, threw a political "bombshell" in the Council of Europe today by resigning as President of the Consultative Assembly.

In an emphatically delivered speech he later accused Britain of failing to give practical backing to the cause of European unity.

He condemned the Council itself for being too "timid and cautious" in going forward with unity schemes.

M. Spaak, who had been Assembly President for over two years, was addressing the delegates from 15 countries on the last day of the Council's 1951 session.

Speaking on behalf of the British Labour delegates, Mr. George Brown said that the British tried to initiate the kind of road they were prepared to follow.

"And that road," Mr. Brown added, "we will talk it with you. But we will not be bludgeoned into taking what we think is the wrong alley. We would rather stand still."

Mr. Christopher Hollis (Conservative) said he did not think the difference between Britain and European federalists would be a dangerous one.

Instead of appreciating the hard facts of Britain's attitude the Assembly had tried to sidetrack the issue, attempted to achieve unanimity and got, instead, only powerlessness, Mr. Hollis added.—Reuter.

Warships Pass Through Canal

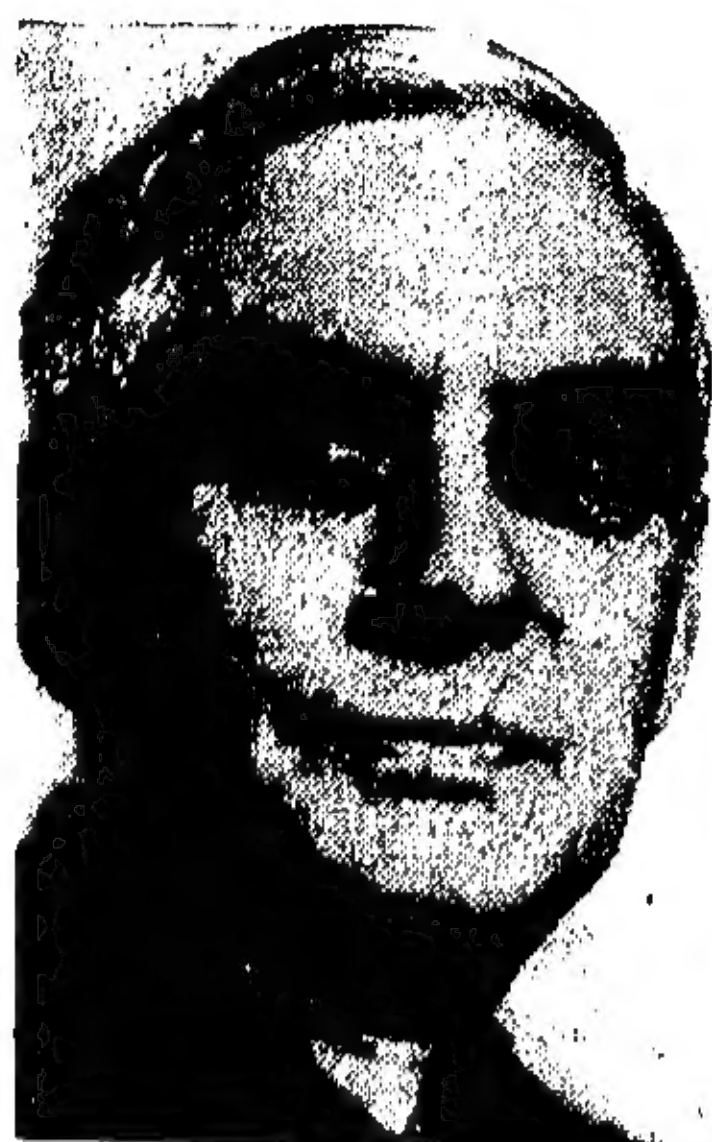
London, Dec. 11. The Ministry of Defence announced tonight that the aircraft-carrier, Warrior, which is taking British troops to Korea, passed through Suez Canal.

The ship Black Swan coming from the Far East on her way to Britain also passed through the canal.

The Ministry announced the frigate Loch Scavaig had arrived at Port Said where she will replace the ship Mermala.—France-Press.

Egypt's Relations With Britain: Decision Today

DEATH OF LORD ADDISON



The Lord President of the Council of the former Attlee Government, Lord Addison, died last night, according to an AFP report from London. He was 82 years of age. Lord Addison had been seriously ill on three occasions during the past 18 months.

Volcano Disaster Poses Problem

Manila, Dec. 12. Some 22,000 men, women and children, forced by a killer volcano to flee their homes on Camiguin Island, confront the government with a major resettlement problem which may cost millions of pesos to solve.

Seventy per cent of the land area of Camiguin—all points within a radius of seven kilometres from Mount Hibokhibok's blazing crater—have been declared out of bounds and have been almost totally deserted by the terror-stricken inhabitants, who comprise one-third of the population of Camiguin.

Of 22,000 refugees, upwards of 7,000 have been evacuated to Mindanao in the south and Bohol in the north. More than 14,000 are still under Red Cross care in eight refugee centres in Southern Camiguin.—United Press.

"I THINK YOU WILL BE PLEASED WITH IT" SAYS MINISTER

London, Dec. 12.

The Egyptian Cabinet announced yesterday that it had taken a decision on whether to break relations with Britain, adding that the decision will be announced today. A courier sped by car to tell King Farouk the decision.

Diplomatic observers think there will be no break. "I think you will be pleased with the decision," said one Egyptian Minister to reporters. The Ministers went into the meeting with gloomy faces and after two hours 40 minutes came out smiling.

During the Cabinet meeting the Interior Minister spoke by radio telephone to Foreign Minister Salah El-Din in Paris. A few hours earlier Salah had accused Britain of aggression against Egypt. He charged this in a letter to the UNO Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie.

Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, sent a secret message to the Egyptian Cabinet yesterday a few hours before it met to discuss a possible break with Britain. Mr. Eden's note was intended to smooth differences and perhaps pave the way for talks to end the trouble in the Suez Canal Zone.

The note was reported to ask the Egyptians to give full weight to the British case—that one-way denunciation of treaties makes international relations intolerable.

Mr. Eden signed the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of 1936, abrogation of which two months ago has been followed by thug attacks on British troops in the Zone under treaty right.—London Express Service.

TO PAY COMPENSATION. A British spokesman, replying today to Egyptian criticism of the Army's demolition of civilian huts near Suez to make a new road to a water filtration plant, said: "We do not knock down houses for fun. It was a military necessity."

He added that compensation was being paid to the house-holders and there should be no difficulty in finding alternative accommodation.

Traffic in and out of Suez was now moving normally, the spokesman said, and the situation in the Canal Zone was "generally quiet," though terrorists might just be lying low, awaiting further opportunities.—Reuter.

PLANS PREPARED. Port Said, Dec. 11. Falling a diplomatic settlement of the dispute between Britain and Egypt, the indications are that the present violence in the Suez Canal Zone will continue, if anything, on an increasing scale.

The British military authorities, prepared for that, have made plans to deal with any situation that arises. They are convinced that Egyptian underground terrorism will continue and that it will find expression not in any major attack on their installations in the Canal Zone, but mainly in ambushes and interference generally with communications.

About 130 miles of main road have to be kept open by British troops. The main artery is of the treaty road running from Port Said, where the bulk of the supplies for the Canal Zone are still being landed, through Ismailia to Suez. It is about 100 miles long.

Then there is the road that stretches west from Ismailia and the garrison at Mousara, where General Sir George Erskine, General Officer Commanding, British Troops in Egypt, has his headquarters, to Tel-el-Kebir, on the western extremity of the British Zone. That is about 30 miles long.

Both roads run through country and Egyptian villages, where hostility is expected to increase. It is ideal terrain for ambushing parties which can fire off bursts at passing British military traffic and then escape into the desert.

CONVOY SYSTEM. Whenever possible, the British forces in the Canal Zone are using the road convoy system. No vehicle goes on the road without an armed escort.

Vulnerable as the roads are, the British military telephone system, with hundreds of miles of wire, is even more so. Even before Egypt abrogated the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, British military telephone traffic in the Canal Zone was frequently interrupted.

Egyptians would chop down a telegraph pole to obtain firewood, or steal lengths of wire or cable which they would sell for a few piastres to obtain food.

But since abrogation, the scale of interference with British military communications has increased. Acts of theft have been replaced by an obviously organized plan by Egyptian underground workers to disrupt the British military telephone system.

Telephone cables, each with a large number of lines, run throughout the length and breadth of the Canal Zone. They are buried in shallow trenches. Scarcely a night passes without Egyptian underground workers tearing out sections of the cables, varying from a few yards in length to a few hundred yards.

There is evidence to suggest that motor cars or trucks are used to rip the cables out of their trenches.

DUTY MEN. British soldier line-men are among the busiest men in the Canal Zone today. They are being called out at all hours of the day and night to repair cables and lines.

Sometimes they work for 24 or 30 hours, carrying out repairs after a major act of sabotage. Then they return for a few hours' sleep—from which they may be roused to go out again.

Colonial Sec. Arrives



Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, Secretary of State for the Colonies, arrived in Hongkong from Singapore by air this morning. He is seen in the above picture with the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, who met the distinguished visitor at the airport.—Staff Photographer.

Greek Ship Sinks

Geb, Dec. 11. The 5,233-ton Greek steamer Tharros, which ran aground off Kjelvik on North Norway coast on November 30, was refloated this afternoon but while being towed in heavy seas sank in water 70 metres deep.

The Tharros had a cargo of 2,000 standards of timber, none of which was saved. Hundreds of planks were tonight floating around near the spot where she sank, constituting a danger to shipping.—Reuter.

PLEVEN WINS HIS VOTE

Paris, Dec. 11. The French Government tonight won a vote of confidence, defeating an opposition motion to postpone ratification of the Schuman Plan for pooling Europe's coal and steel.

Tonight's vote was considered a favourable augury for the vote on the pool ratification.

The adjournment motion, strongly opposed by the Prime Minister, Mr. Rene Pleven, was presented by a Conservative Deputy who asked for fresh negotiations on the powers of the supra-national authority and stricter guarantees to member states. The motion was for an adjournment of four months.

The debate on the ratification bill was to resume later tonight. Supporting the postponement motion were Gaullists, Communists and some Right-wing and Radical Deputies who say that the Schuman Plan will put France's steel industry at the mercy of the German Ruhr.

The Government, on the other hand, believes the Plan to be a vital step towards closer unity in Western Europe and also a step which will make war between France and her traditional enemy, Germany, virtually impossible.

Voting on the opposition motion was: For 240; Against 377.—Reuter.

Still Improving. Rehovot, Dec. 11. Gradual improvement in the condition of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel, continued today, an official communique said.—United Press.

Next Moves In Truce Parleys

Said Determined By Mr. Truman And His Advisers

Washington, Dec. 11. President Harry Truman and his top military and political advisers are understood to have agreed on the next moves to be made in the Korean truce negotiations, now moving into a decisive period.

Responsible informants said today a review of the whole Korean situation and its ramifications for American foreign policy throughout the world was the business of the meeting which Mr. Truman held on Monday with Defence and State Department officials after cutting short his Key West vacation to return to Washington late on Sunday.

It appeared that as a result of the review new instructions were going out to General Matthew B. Ridgway, the United Nations Commander in the Far East.

But officials emphasised that there was nothing unusual about this.

They said there is a continual flow of questions and proposals from Gen. Ridgway to the Joint Chiefs of Staff here and a steady stream of comments and instructions from the military bosses to the General.

The instructions sent from Washington are always submitted to the President for his approval or rejection, these informants said.

MODERATELY HOPEFUL. Officials who talked with Mr. Truman were described as moderately hopeful that the armistice negotiations will be successful and that peace can be established in Korea not too distant.

Some say privately that it looks now as if there is a 50-50 chance for agreement with the Reds on all details of a ceasefire, including enforcement provisions and exchange of prisoners.

But, not one who discussed the situation is too optimistic about the chances of "peace by Christmas"—exactly two weeks away.

The main reason the present period of the Korean truce talks is critical is that within 17 days the negotiators will come up against the 30-day deadline, set November 27, under which the present battle line would become the truce line provided all other armistice issues were agreed.

If the American demand for a truce inspection system and exchange of prisoners is met and if the Communist demand for some kind of an agreement on withdrawal of foreign forces from Korea eventually can be handled, then peace in the Christmas season will become a reality and the new problems of Korea will become political.

—Associated Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

A Welcome Visitor

HONGKONG today extends a warm welcome to Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, the new Secretary of State for the Colonies. His personal visit at this time is taken by the Colony as a clear sign that the Imperial Government intends to show an active and sympathetic interest in our future welfare, and we trust it also means that the voice of Hongkong is to be heard more clearly in Whitehall. Mr. Lyttelton's main preoccupation during his current tour is, understandably, the critical situation in Malaya and how the problem can most effectively be tackled. Hongkong's affairs are relatively parochial. Nevertheless, the Secretary of State will undoubtedly devote his full attention to the numerous subjects to be placed before him during the next three days, and at the end of his stay Hongkong will know that the Minister returns to London fully cognisant of our problems and aspirations. It is a happy coincidence that Mr. Lyttelton is here for the opening of the Hongkong products exhibition. This display, probably better than anything else, will enable him to appreciate fully the remarkable progress the Colony has made in promoting its own industries, and he will be able better to understand how much the future welfare and prosperity depends on the full maintenance of our established manufacturing industries. The American embargo continues to have a seriously disturbing effect on the Colony's economy, not the least hit being our manufacturers who are finding it increasingly difficult to obtain necessary raw materials. And looming ominously in the background is substantial unemployment unless the requirements of our industries can be more fully met and sustained.

Nor is the American embargo the only threat to the security of local industries and commerce. The impending re-entry of Japan into world markets, offering consumer goods produced by means of cheap labour, poses yet another problem for Hongkong. Mr. Lyttelton can expect a full picture to be presented to him by the Colony's industrialists and businessmen, and while he himself is entitled to know whether our industries are being conducted on the soundest and most economic lines, he will undoubtedly be asked to give his fullest personal support in London for any measures aimed at protecting Hongkong from unfair industrial competition, notably that which is expected to come from Japan. Mr. Lyttelton's handicap on this visit is his inability to propound on behalf of the Imperial Government any definite line of policy applicable to the colonies in general or Hongkong in particular. The new Cabinet is still in the process of formulating that policy and the Secretary of State, therefore, cannot be expected to make any hard and fast statements on the subject. It is desirable that this should be borne in mind by the various representative delegations which will meet him and discuss with him local affairs which have to be guided very largely by wide policy set at high level. The important thing is to give Mr. Lyttelton plenty of information about ourselves and to impress upon him that while the Colony is sensitively conscious of its own problems, internal and external, we are entitled to be assured that Whitehall is just as actively interested, and that Mr. Lyttelton's department is prepared to give positive support to local public opinion.



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Formation Of Pacific Council

Washington, Dec. 11. Visiting Australian Foreign Secretary Richard Casey and American Ambassador Myron Cowen spent most of their time yesterday discussing matters relating to the tripartite Pacific alliance between the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

Mr. Casey, who is here on a special mission to carry out the formation of the alliance, is expected to leave for New Zealand tomorrow.

Their discussions yesterday centred on the formation of a Pacific Council, which should be set up in order to keep the other participants advised of their capacities and state of readiness to resist aggression in the Pacific.

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COLOMBO PLAN
The Colombo Plan, which is a United States initiative, is a plan for the development of the economies of the South and South-East Asian countries.

After his talk with Mr. Casey, Mr. Cowen called on the Acting Secretary of State, Mr. James Webb, with whom he discussed the Colombo Plan for China.

He will be in the next two days with half a dozen State Department officials.

Mr. Webb, who is the Acting Secretary of State, is the one of the world's most important men.

These matters included the Colombo Plan and problems in the Colombo Plan and problems in the Colombo Plan.

GENERAL TALK
Mr. Casey said that this did not include Korea.

Earlier yesterday Mr. Casey conferred with Mr. Cowen and he said that this conference was a very general talk which lasted nearly an hour.

Mr. Casey said that he and Mr. Cowen discussed the security pact in broad general terms.

Asked where Australia would be set up under the pact, he replied, "I should think it would not always be in the same place."—United Press.

Senior Air Officers Get New Posts

Washington, Dec. 11. The Air Force today shifted assignments of six top-ranking officers, including Major-General Herbert B. Thatcher, Commander of the Western Air Defence Force.

General Thatcher, whose headquarters have been at Hamilton Air Force Base, California, was named Deputy Director of Plans in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations in Washington.

His successor as Western Air Defence Chief is Major-General Walter E. Todd, now in the Deputy Chief of Staff Office here. Gen. Todd, in turn, will be relieved by Brigadier-General Oliver S. Picher, Deputy for Personnel, Far East Air Force.

Brigadier-General Edward H. Underhill, now Deputy Director to General Picher, will take his chief's place.

Brigadier-General Crabb, Deputy for Operations, Far East Air Force, is being transferred to the Air Defence Command Headquarters at the Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado, as Chief of Staff. He will be replaced by Brigadier-General Jacob E. Smart, now Commander of the Eastern Air Defence Force. —Associated Press.

Tenor's Son Christened In A Paris Church



Internationally famous Polish tenor Jan Kiepura and his Austrian wife, film star Martha Eggerth, with their eldest son, Jean, at the christening of their child, one-year-old Victor Marian, at the Church of Vesinet, in Paris.—London Express.

BRIGHTER DEFENCE PICTURE

New Orleans, Dec. 11. Mr. Charles E. Wilson, American Director of Defence Mobilization, today said that the defence picture was "brighter" than it was a year ago.

After the first year of a three-year production programme, the United States was rapidly approaching the stage in defence production "where weapons will flow from the assembly line in such a way as to inspire awe in our enemies."

Mr. Wilson was speaking at the dedication of a new aluminum works which, he said, was expected to produce 200,000 tons of aluminum a year.

Actual deliveries of military goods now ran at the rate of \$2,000,000,000 a month, he said. Production would reach \$4,000,000,000 a month rate in 1953.

Mr. Wilson said he wished Stalin were here today to see American production capacity "pulsating with more vigour than ever."—Reuter.

Decision On SW Africa

Paris, Dec. 11. The Trusteeship Committee of the United Nations today completed a proposal to consult the International Court of Justice on the question of requiring South Africa to accept the United Nations' control of South-West African territories.

The Committee also adopted a resolution creating a new special sub-committee for South-West Africa which will continue to function until the next ordinary session of the Assembly when the Committee will give an account of its work.

This Committee will be authorized to receive reports on the administration of South-West Africa as well as petitions concerning this territory which may be submitted to Secretary-General Trygve Lie.—France-Press.

16-Year-Old Lad Hacks His Mother To Death

Oakland, Calif., Dec. 11. A heavy-hearted father today signed a complaint charging that his 16-year-old son hacked the boy's mother to death with a hatchet.

The youth, Sammie Hutchins, was shunned by relatives and left to himself in gaol.

He was quoted by officers as saying he had to kill his mother, Mrs. Evelyn Hutchins, 51, in the basement of the family home on Monday after she reprimanded him for playing hooky from high school.

The father and husband, Ralph H. Hutchins, 58, a wealthy painting contractor, told the district attorney:

"I feel that under the circumstances it's my place to sign the complaint rather than place the burden on you fellows."

When told, in response to his question, that the youth showed no remorse, the father walked away.

"As long as he has that attitude, I don't want to see him," Hutchins said.

BAD DREAMS
Young Hutchins told officers that during the past six months his sleeping hours had been haunted by dreams "of killing my entire family and burning them up."

Firemen found the woman's body, the skull split open, when they sped to the Hutchins home to put out a fire.

Police said the youth, after killing his mother in the basement, wrapped the body in newspapers and set them afire.

The father and two other children were away at the time.

Neighbours said blue-eyed, good looking Sammie appeared to be a "model boy."

South Korean War College

Pusan, Dec. 11. The R.O.K. (South Korean) Army today established its first War College at Taegu with ceremonies which were attended by President Syngman Rhee and the Eighth Army Commander, Lieutenant-General James Van Fleet.

A spokesman of the Defence Ministry said that 35 military students were registered for the first class today.

He said that the ROK Army Chief of Staff, General Lee Jong Chan, would "double" as the President of the College.

The Acting Premier, Mr. Huh Chung, and the ROK Defence Minister, Mr. L. K. Pong, also attended the inauguration ceremonies.—Reuter.

COUNSEL'S ALLEGATIONS AGAINST STAGE STAR IN COURT

New York, Dec. 11.

The defence in the cheque-raising trial of Tallulah Bankhead's personal maid said today that the maid would testify that "incidental expense" money in the Bankhead household went for marijuana, cocaine and liquor, on which the actress "spent a fortune."

Miss Bankhead's eyes filled with tears and she shook her head as the defence counsel, Fred Moritt, who is a State Senator, made the charges in his opening statement.

The maid, Evelyn Ramsey Cronin, 59, is charged in a 32-count larceny and forgery indictment with raising Miss Bankhead's expense cheques in New York County for the total theft of \$4,284.

Opening for the State before the general sessions and an all-male jury, the Assistant District Attorney, Jerome Kidder, said Mrs. Cronin raised the amount of 26 cheques which were signed by Miss Bankhead for incidental expenses. After this was discovered, Mr. Kidder said, Mrs. Cronin told the actress: "If you do anything about it, I'll accuse you of this and this and this."

However, that threat, which apparently is now coming true, did not deter us from proceeding with the case, he said.

The defence counsel, Mr. Moritt said he would prove that Mrs. Cronin paid for some incidental expenses herself. She would tell about buying in Havana cigarettes.

"CELEBRATED STAR"

"Mrs. Cronin will give the names of those who smoked the cigarettes and tell about the parties. One very celebrated television and radio star—a very distinguished person—brought loose marijuana to Miss Bankhead," he continued. "Miss Bankhead always referred to it as tea. That was in case the police came around. Mrs. Cronin will testify that Miss Bankhead bought her how to roll marijuana cigarettes and that she became very adept and in four or five hours she was able to roll eight."

During one of his numerous objections, Mr. Moritt heard a slight sound from the spectators' section and asked the judge to censure Miss Bankhead. He said: "Miss Bankhead is making facial remarks and facial expressions. I object to her behaviour. Miss Bankhead is making sounds which might be all right on a radio programme but are offensive in Court. I ask that she be told to keep her mouth shut."

LEAVES COURT
The Judge said he saw no objectionable conduct and was not going to censure anyone.

He admonished all witnesses to conduct themselves in accordance with proper courtroom decorum.

Shortly afterward, accompanied by her counsel, Miss Bankhead left the courtroom coughing violently. Outside she was asked why she had left.

She said: "Because I was disgusted at the tactics of the defence attorney. Can't you even cough in court? I have a natural bronchial affliction."

She returned to the courtroom 15 minutes later.—United Press.

THREAT TO ATTACK RANGOON

Rangoon, Dec. 11. A rebel Karen radio broadcast has threatened an invasion of the Burmese capital, Rangoon, on December 15, diplomatic sources said here tonight.

Government sources, however, did not attach importance to this "empty threat" because they believe that there is no Karen stronghold in Rangoon's vicinity for a concentrated attack.

But the Government has taken tough military precautions at Dallah town across the Rangoon River half a mile from the capital which was attacked and looted by Karen insurgents two days ago.

A dusk to dawn curfew has been ordered in the town.

Many of the 3,000 residents of this town, on which the rebels made a surprise attack today, appealed to be evacuated to Rangoon for protection.

The rebels killed one person, injured another five, looted 50 houses and took 50 women as hostages. The women were later released.—Reuter.

KOREA COURT MARTIAL

Korea, Dec. 11. The Judge Advocate of an Australian Court Martial, investigating the alleged shooting by an Australian soldier of a South Korean soldier, said tonight that the Court may adjourn on Thursday to travel 40 miles to hear the evidence of a wounded witness.

Lieutenant Colonel J. A. Lalilaw, of Sydney, said that the witness, who was still in the small village of Ha Pae Ri, near Tokchon, where the alleged shooting occurred on September 5, cannot yet travel.

Korean witnesses told the Court Martial earlier that a bullet which inflicted a fatal chest wound on a ROK soldier, Shin Sung Chung, ricocheted and wounded a Korean civilian nearby.—Reuter.

Red Trawlers In Baltic

Copenhagen, Dec. 11. Soviet and East German trawlers were grouped today south of the Danish island of Bornholm, in the Baltic, in waters through which the United States destroyers, J.U.K. and V. Keith, are likely to pass. Fishermen reported that the trawlers arrived on Sunday and yesterday carried out boat exercises.—Reuter.

Bubble Bathing No Crime

Strip Teaser Found
"Not Guilty"

Hollywood, Dec. 11. A jury today found Lili St. Cyr innocent of exposure in night club bubbles.

The jury took only 78 minutes to decide that the strip teaser's public bubble-bathing was not a crime.

The voluptuous blonde perched on the edge of a chair twisting a white lace handkerchief as the jury returned with the verdict. As the words "not guilty" rang out in the crowded courtroom, her face broke into a gleeful smile and she threw her arms around her attorney, Jerry Giesler, and hugged him. "Oh, boy, Oh, boy," Giesler crowed, hugging her in return.

There was no demonstration in the crowded courtroom as the jury foreman, Charles Elert, handed the court verdict. The jurors crowded around Lili like a gang of autograph seekers and squeezed her hand. "Thank you, oh, thank you," Lili said smiling. They replied, "Good luck. Congratulations."

Armando Orsini, Lili's handsome husband, planted a large kiss on her lips.

Judge Henry Draeger said in his final instructions, "Only if you feel she was shameless, aggressive and defiant and that she annoyed patrons at Ciro's, must you find her guilty."

Lili's mother, Mrs. George Beck, refined and matronly Hanford, Georgia, housewife, says her daughter had been artistic from the day she was born and loved to create things. "Her greatest ambition is to retire from the stage and open a dress-designing shop," Mrs. Beck said. "Lili went to Europe at 17 to study ballet, but soon discovered there was little or no money in the ballet so she decided to enter burlesque."

Lili rose to fame in the Los Angeles burlesque house, "The Folies."—United Press.

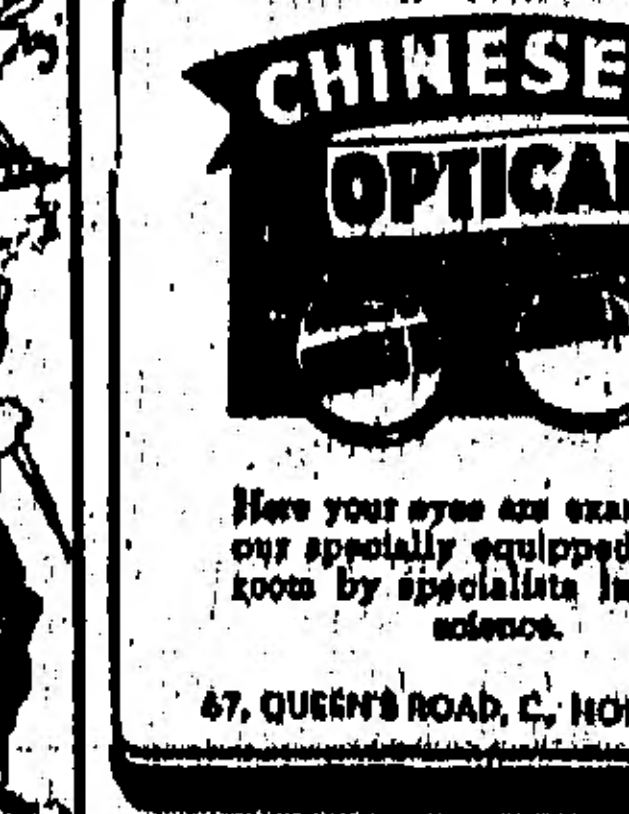
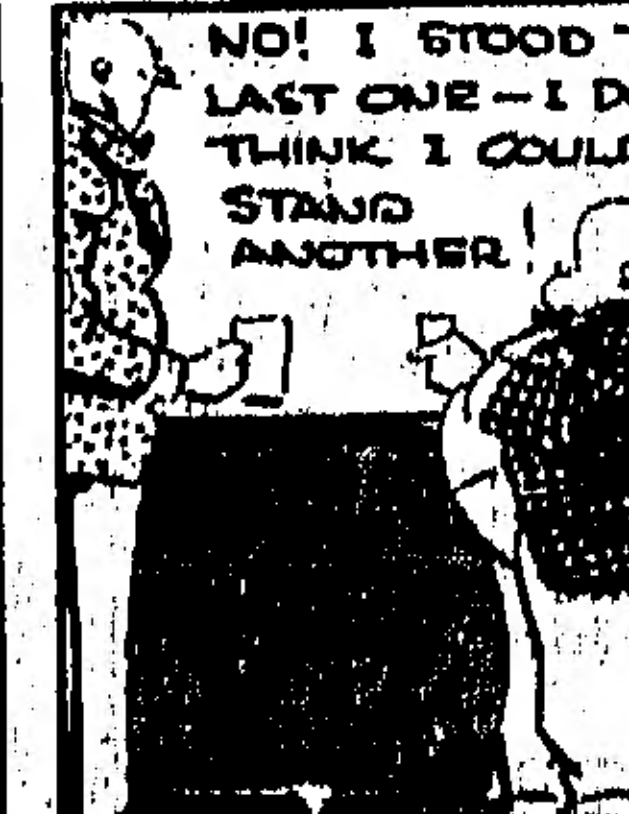
Police Fined

Tugela Ferry, Dec. 11.

Three police sergeants who gave Africans shocks with an electric cattle prod were fined £1 each by the Magistrate here.

The sergeants used the prod when they questioned Africans about the theft of rifles from a school armoury.—Reuter.

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One year's working of the
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THE first full picture of England and Wales under the National Health Service, how it has affected our lives, and some of the discoveries resulting from it, are given in the annual report of the Ministry of Health.

A Blue Book of 228 pages packed with statistical tables, it deals in the main with conditions prevailing up to the end of March 1950, when the Service was settling down to normality after the first full year of operation. But with some minor changes, notably in the reduction of dental and optical cases, the scene revealed is the pursuit of health by the nation today.

How Service has been used

THE figures are related to a population basis of all ages, of about 45,000,000 men, women, and children. About 42,000,000 of them take advantage of the Health Services.

Nearly 18,000 doctors write out 200,000,000 prescriptions for them, an average of more than four a year for every patient on their lists. They are dispensed in nearly 14,500 chemists' shops.

Nearly 8,400,000 people wanted dental treatment in the first full year, of whom 1,500,000 were emergency cases. Some 9,500 dentists provided them with 145,000,000 false teeth, 100,000,000 of them being plastic ones and the others porcelain.

Increase in number of blind

ONLY five dentists of every 100 in general practice are still refusing to take patients under the national scheme.

In all, about 8,500,000 pairs of spectacles were supplied during the year by ophthalmic practitioners and 7,440 opticians. Lenses had to be imported, so great was the need found to improve the nation's eyesight. But there were delays of eight or nine months, and in rare cases even longer, in providing the more complex types of lenses.

A sad corollary is the existence of 78,579 people registered as blind in March 1949. Their numbers have since been increased at the rate of about 9,000 a year. Nearly half of them are over 70 years of age.

Nearly 50,000 deaf people a year are supplied with hearing aids. Others get 12,410 artificial limbs, over 4,000 new invalid tricycles and carriages, and 8,010 artificial eyes. No mention is made of the number of wigs.

Additional to all this are the resources of 9,267 hospitals with 600,000 beds, of which more than a tenth are, however, out

of use through lack of staff. More than 24,000 patients are on the waiting list for 158,000 places.

They deal with just under 3,000,000 in-patients, and 6,148,000 new out-patients every year. Total attendance by the out-patients are just over 26,000,000.

More than 147,000 people are under treatment in pre-1 treatment for mental disorders. About 100,000 are in every seven of them are women. A thousand are in Broadmoor.

About three in every thousand of the population are classed as mental defectives.

Some new methods of treating mental defectives are producing better results. A new type of hospital which will let patients away from restriction to yards and enable them to move about more freely and to take part in the work of the hospital.

Psychiatry experts praised

WORK of psychiatrists is commended. There are not nearly enough specialists of this kind. One method they are using is psychodrama, in which acting is used as the means for expression of the patient's own problems.

Social competence, says the report, is not of necessity closely allied to school ability. A man may be a poor scholar and yet be capable of earning his living and behaving like other folk. It is emotion and temperament which produce mental defects.

Under full employment many who have shown some mental

labour in harder times are now likely to succeed.

More nurses now in training

THE shortage of nurses, both male and female, is still a severely felt in mental institutions, sanatoriums, and hospitals for old people chronically ill.

Elsewhere nurses and midwifery staff are improving in strength. There are now more student nurses in training than at any previous time. Male trained nurses represent one in four of all trained nurses in hospitals.

Many more mothers are experiencing the process known as "parentcraft". Nearly 130,000 of them confined in their own homes had gas or air analysis in 1949. Since then, with the training of more midwives in the process, the total is being rapidly extended.

For the days when the baby is growing up much more training in "parentcraft" is needed. This is defined in the report as "the creation of an environment, personal and material, best able to persevere and increase in a child its inborn expectation of happiness." It adds this advice:

"Parents should expect the best instead of expecting difficulties. Confidence is needed, and there can be little confidence in happy family life for parents who have been trained to expect their children to be full of inhibitions and to be psychologically rather incomprehensible."

No only mothercraft classes are to be encouraged in second-

Sitting on the Fence . . . by

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

AS the column is 21 years old this week, it has been celebrating. Therefore, it is in no condition to produce itself for the 1,000th time (counting sickness and holidays) with its customary alert appraisal of the news.

It tried to read the papers, but the printed sentences meant little, partly because of the column's headache, but chiefly because its foolish mind was unable to leave a track which kept it going on one theme. A thousand columns means at least a million words.

This thought was responsible for many conflicting emotions: pride, disgust, self-pity, and nostalgia, the last taking the column back to the day it was born.

It was an unpopular infant. Hundreds wrote in to say it ought to have been strangled at birth, one of them being the reader who always addresses the column as Dear Pig and has sent it an insulting letter once a week ever since.

Nevertheless, its piling voice went on until it reached boyhood and callow adolescence.

In its youth it had all the faults of untamed youth. It thought it knew everything and took an urchin's delight in thumbing its nose at people more important than itself.

But it also had the virtues of youth. It was enthusiastic, courageous, occasionally boisterous, and full of indignation and a burning desire to put the world right.

Now the column has grown up. It has become a little more tolerant. Although it can still be venomous when roused, it feels somehow that it has grown a little wiser and, perhaps, a little kinder.

At least, it thought so until it opened the usual letter beginning "Dear Pig."

Fan mail

DEAR PIG, According to my notes, you began writing your rubbish in November 1930. You started off by insulting the ladies, so this makes 21 years of it, to say nothing of attacking dogs what are man's best friend.

During this time, you have written that you have had visits from The Devil, Mr Lucifer, which is quite likely, considering your sneering remarks about bishops.

You have also written that fairies sit on your desk, like the one called Wishful Thinking, and that cats talk to you and write letters to your cat, which is a lot of lies.

Once, when somebody asked "What sort of a person are you?" you said you was an unfrocked bishop.

Afterwards you was caught out on that because you said you was a Negro whose grandfather was a slave. Both lies, I expect.

The other week you insulted a lady what writes articles (better than your tripe) about food in English inns and said you had visited three inns called The Purple Cow, The

Gallopig Snail, and The Five Smells.

Now, sir, as I have checked up carefully on these names, I can say to your face they are all lies, unless the last one is a misprint for The Five Bells.

The next week, you said you saw cats dancing on your roof, which proves you are not only a liar but barmy, too.

In your last article, which was even worse than your first, you wrote that the Persian Prime Minister is a lady in disguise. This was not only another lie, but another saucer at the ladies.

What have the ladies done to you I should like to know?

WELL, dear Pig, as it would take another million words to tell you what the ladies have done to me, I don't propose to start here. But may I draw your attention to a picture published last week of the Persian Prime Minister lying on a bed and being kissed by the Egyptian Prime Minister?

Anyway, congratulations on reading something you hate so much for so long, and apologies for another letter from a cat, which I fear you will regard with your usual cynicism.

Paws across the sea

BEING a letter to Lottie, the Cat, from her New York friend, Manhattan Mouser.

Hiya Sugar Puss.

From a newspaper flown over here, I see you have been trying out American square dances like Swing Your Honey and Ladies' Chain with some of your British friends.

When I read it the green-eyed monster curled me up so I couldn't eat the plate of Thanksgiving turkey handed to me by a chef who is one of my buddies and cafe contacts on Broadway.

My mother always said I had too much imagination, and I guess she was right, for believe me, Sugar, that prime turkey certainly turned to ashes in my mouth when this imagination saw the sweetest little chassie in the English-speaking world swinging through the air by an amateur who is going to get the left-right-left from me when I arrive in your home town on Christmas Eve.

On that day, Sugar Cat, I will not only teach you how a honey should be swung, how a Ladies' Chain of admirers is broken up and knocked cold before they know what hit them, but also The Grand Sashay where there is a kinda eliminating contest in which all ears are torn off but mine.

When all have left the smitten field, and me and you are alone, we will then dance a solo, and I will swing my Honey Puss to the stars, and she shall live for one brief moment in a dream world of delight until I bring her gently to earth to eat a wing of chicken I shall steal from the ship coming over.

Keep that tail waving, Sugar Puss. I am on my way.

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Is life too fast? brain specialist asks

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

IS the tempo of modern life too fast for the health of the mind? Dr Macdonald Critchley, a leading London neurologist, believes it is. He has given medical evidence for his belief at a private meeting of more than 100 doctors.

"The restless turmoil of incessant noisy activity is undoing the good which medicine has slowly and laboriously striven to bring to mankind," he said.

"Of what avail is it to extend the expectation of life, to conquer infectious diseases, to improve surgical technique, if nervous disorders become more rife?"

"We are building up a population of elderly hypochondriacs who simply will not fade away."

He named three fears of mid-twentieth century living:—

"We fear SILENCE, and surrender ourselves to the tyranny of meaningless noise."

"We fear SOLITUDE, and become puppets in a crowd."

"We fear CONTEMPLATIVE THOUGHT and enmesh ourselves in feverish activity."

"Many people give themselves no time for abstract thinking, with the result that the great literature of yesterday is unread, and the great literature of tomorrow unwritten."

Dr Critchley was supported by the Bishop of Pontefract, Dr A. H. Morris. He claimed that we were rushed off our feet from the day of our birth.

Racing molarist, Raymond Mays and Air Vice-Marshal J. M. Kilpatrick T.A.F. medical chief, put the opposing view, that speed has not yet outstripped the ability of the human body to adapt itself to new conditions.

Fifty-nine doctors agreed with them. Fifty-seven others supported Dr Critchley.

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R. M. MacColl reports the American scene

Remember how they cheered?

NEW YORK.

IT will be ten years ago next month that Mr Churchill, in the days immediately after Pearl Harbour, went to Washington. And a highlight of that memorable visit was the joint Press conference held by President Roosevelt and the visiting P.M.

Nobody who saw it, as I did, will ever forget the terrific show put on by the two. Each was in top form. The reporters were enchanted — almost hypnotised — by the proceedings, as their eyes swept from cigar to cigarette-holder, and back again to cigar.

But, of course, the unlooked-for climax burst on us all when Mr Churchill, murmuring some doubt as to whether he was clearly visible to all hands, suddenly clambered up on to his seat and stood there acknowledging a delighted roar of applause.

What Washington is saying now is: Will the precedent be followed by Mr Truman with another "hot" Press conference during the coming year?

WHILE British comic Norman Wisdom was doing one of his "soft shoe" routines during his film test at the Paramount studios in Hollywood, on to the set, unshaven and wearing his usual sloppy sports clothes, came wandering Bing Crosby.

"I wish I could do that," he murmured. "I need a dance routine for my next picture." So Norman promptly gave him a lesson, and they gossiped about golf at St. Andrews.

IN GARY, Indiana, there were red faces all round. While Mrs Amos Browster moaned hysterically, and policeman William Kennedy tensely covered the snake with his gun, policeman Andy Bull charged into the darkened nursery and snatched the sleeping baby out of harm's way. Then Kennedy fired—and the snake flew to pieces. It was a porcelain snake, and nobody quite knows what it was doing there.

BY 1927 his name and fame were heavily overshadowed by the Lipdbergh hysteria which swept America when, the following youth from St. Louis, flew across the Atlantic solo.

But in 1920 he had been the beau ideal of the American hero-flier. Handsome Dick Byrd, of the U.S. Navy, had made a remarkable pioneering flight over the Antarctic.

Now, Rear-Admiral Richard Byrd (retired), still good-looking at 63, is still at it. If the Korean war ends and international tension eases a bit, the admiral means to head yet another aerial expedition — this fifth—to the South Polar region.

And there will be a brand-new feature to it: women, recruited from the Wacs and Waves, will go along.

JUST AS everyone was heading a fight of relief at Dayton (Ohio) Air Force base because the visit of Prince Abdul Aziz, the Saudi-Arabian Defence Minister, had gone off with no hitch in protocol, the prince said something to an aide as he stepped into his plane.

The aide strode up to an air base policeman and pressed 500 dollars into his hand. "I can't take this money," slammed the harassed cop. "You can't refuse—it's a gift from the prince," hissed the aide.

The base commander, General Joe Morris, is still wondering what ought to be done with it.

VERDICT ON THE INTERNATIONAL

By PETER DITTON

When is a penalty not a penalty? That is the question 100,000 sports fans were asking after the International between England and Austria.

Indeed, it was only one of many questions which will be debated long after the players involved in the game have hung up their boots for the last time.

But no question qualifies the fact that England's record of 50 years' invincibility against foreign teams on home soil still stands. That is a great record and full marks to Billy Wright and his colleagues for preserving it.

The last half of the match was played well. England's defence was well-organised and they were frequently successful in trying to stop the ball from reaching the goal. Austria's attack was not as effective as it had been in the first half.

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The first half ended with a goal for England. The second half was a close contest. England's defence was well-organised and they were frequently successful in trying to stop the ball from reaching the goal. Austria's attack was not as effective as it had been in the first half.

The responsibility for the goal was placed on Ramsey's shoulders. He was the only player who was not in the goal. The goal was scored by a well-placed free-kick by Ramsey. But Austria were not to be denied. When Eckerlesley in the next minute fisted away a header from Stojaspal the referee had no hesitation in awarding a penalty, from which the same player equalised.

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WHEN ENGLAND MAINTAINED HER UNDEFEATED RECORD



Lofthouse heads the second goal while the Austrian players appeal for an off-side.

Racehorse Owners Are Feeling The Pinch...

Says JAMES PARK

A man who had dabbled unsuccessfully in bloodstock remarked to me the other day: "When you see anyone who is not in the top money class buying racehorses you know the answer at once—the first sign of insanity."

It is nearly impossible to show profit on owning horses over a number of years—without betting. With taxation at its present level, I have been wondering how long the big owner-breeders will be able to carry on.

There is one notable exception: the Aga Khan. The others are finding it a struggle.

The late Lord Derby was one of the most successful owner-breeders, but he did not make racing pay. The only man who has is 72-year-old Lord Astor, who started with one mare. He bought Conjure for very little when he was at the university. She was the foundation of the Cliveden Stud, and in the course of about 40 years the stock won about half a million pounds in stakes money.

Lord Astor has never had a bet in his life, but he has not been called on to dip into his pocket continually, as nearly every other breeder who races his own horses has done. At the end of last season Lord Astor handed his horses over to two of his sons.

If you cannot start a stud to breed your own horses, how would you make out at the yearling sales?

It is no use going in for the cheap stuff. Now and again you get one like Red Ink for 65 guineas. She proved a little later this year and won three of her five races. More often than not at that price you get one that cannot go fast enough to keep itself warm. So you buy something at 1,000 guineas.

Now you have to find a trainer. He explains that since you bought the yearling in September it cannot run until next March at the earliest—probably later. The trainer's charge is £8 a week. It used to be £4 5s., but he will tell you that even at £8 he cannot show a profit.

A "lad" looks after two horses. He used to get £2 10s. for his seven-day week. (There is no five-day week in a racing stable.) Now he draws at least £5 10s.

UP AND UP

Oats used to be 20s. a quarter. Now they are 91s.

Hay and sainfoin, once £5 5s. a ton, is £15 to £17. Bran and linseed have gone up about 200 percent. So even with the rise in charges there are many trainers who are "in the red." And the only way they can get out of it is to know when they have a winner—and back it.

You will have to keep your yearling warm, so you have a look at the clothing and have your initials on the corner. You could get a full suit of angora

clothes for £4 in 1939. Now it will cost £8 10s.

When it is wet the horse must have a suit of mackintosh clothing. It has gone up from 35s. to £6 10s.

When the trainer has to buy some new exercise saddles he finds they have jumped up from £6 to £15-£18.

I have before me a list from a Newmarket saddler which includes nearly 100 different items, and the jump in the prices from 1939 to 1951 is anything from double upwards.

THE COLOURS—£6

Most of those items fall on the trainer. But you will have to buy your own colours. You could get racing colours made in satin before the war at £3 10s. to £5. Now they cost from £6 upwards with 33 percent Purchase Tax to be added.

Your yearling will be broken as soon as possible after he arrives at the training quarters. Until the early days of March he will go out every morning, but do nothing more than walk and trot, with a gentle canter now and again.

Then will come the day when he goes to his first race meeting. More money. He has to be specially plied for racing.

—(London Express Service)

ENTRIES OPEN FOR THE COLONY BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entries are now open for the Colony Individual Billiards Championship and Colony Snooker Championship, both of which are being organised with the permission of the Billiards Association and Control Council of England.

The decision to hold these two Championships was reached at a meeting held in the Board Room of Messrs H. Ruttonjee & Son Ltd., with Mr. R. H. S. Miller in the Chair.

Entries for each event may be sent to Mr. J. E. Medina, c/o Cador Enterprises Co., Room 6, Pedder Building, 5th Floor, Pedder Street, Hong Kong.

The closing date for entries is December 28. The Challenge Cup for the Billiards Championship is being donated by Messrs H. Ruttonjee & Son Ltd., while Messrs Birtles (China) Ltd. will donate the Challenge Cup for the Snooker Championship.

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THIS IS IT?

By Henry Longhurst

San Francisco.

The most pictorially famous scene in golf is, I suppose, the Royal and Ancient club-house and the last green at St Andrews.

A close second is certainly that hole at Cypress Point where you drive over the ocean to a green set on an island of rocks. Now two dreams have come true. One of them was to play this hole.

A ten hours' moonlight flight over Salt Lake City and the fantastic deserts of Nevada; a hundred miles easily in two hours down the coast highway; a short diversion through the palms and pines of Monterey, and here, with a sudden glimpse of blue waters and bounding surf, is stout Longhurst, growing ever stouter in the land of the free, gazing for the first time on the Pacific.

Cypress Point takes the breath away. Imagine, perhaps, the biggest Birdland sandhills multiplied by four and dotted white; the beach at Porthcawl with fifteen-foot rollers crashing being a calm day; the emerald fairways of Killarney; and all clad with tall firs and cedars blown into fantastic shapes by the ocean winds.

SO FAMILIAR

Let us go straight to the 16th, the hole so familiar to followers of golf all over the world. Standing on the tee you are confronted with a 210 yard carry directly over the ocean. If you care to play a cautious iron to a patch of fairway on the left, you may—but you must still carry 100 yards or so of the Pacific. And if you make the long carry, a slight pull or fade will send you down among the rocks. A piece of cake, in fact—no 3.

As if the spectacular scene and the piling challenge were not enough, there are other distractions, especially to lovers of nature—which golfers, despite their other mundane qualities, often are. Close by the tee and all round the green black cormorants perch on the rocks like bottles of stout. A strange barking reveals that, no more than a short pitch-shot distant, the rocks are also covered with enormous sea lions. And the large birds flapping in formation a foot or so from the water? Oh, they're pelicans.

It was at this hole that the second dream came true. Time and again I have dreamed of finding a golf ball among the shingle, then another and another, till every other pebble is a golf ball. Looking down among the rocks here, we saw a ball, then another, then a third and a fourth. Sometimes, they say, a big tide will wash in three or four hundred.

Climbing down, while I directed operations with ill-concealed awe from above, my eagle retrieved nine within a few paces. But most of them, alas, had been in the water overnight and the crabs had eaten them through to the elastic.

Since writing which, I have played, or attempted to play, the equally celebrated Pebble Beach, and here indeed is a course fit for heroes. Those who saw the Ben Hogan film "Follow the Sun" will remember the 18th—500 yards of it with nothing but the beach, the fairway and the ocean. As with most American courses, it seems, the par is 72—but they reckon that if you are 10-handicap at Pebble Beach you are seven anywhere else.

OVER THE CLIFF

Here we have not only what is clearly one of the world's great courses—a kind of seaside Pipe Valley—but also some of the most spectacular single shots in golf. The second to the eighth, for instance, a full 200-ft. over the edge of a 200-ft. cliff (down which a caddy once fell and unaccountably lived), over 180 yards of the Pacific, and on to a close-trapped green the other side. Determined to go on till I made it, I was happy to contribute only two new balls to the ocean.

TODAY'S SPORT

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Midwife's False Statement

For making a false statement to the Registrar of Births and Deaths, a 43-year-old registered midwife, Chan Yuk-chun, residing at 317, Hennessy Road, second floor, was cautioned by Mr. Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning. However, defendant was bound over in the sum of \$150 for one year.

Defendant pleaded guilty through her Defence Counsel Mr. A. S. C. Comber who, in mitigation, asked the Court to consider the case very leniently. He said that his client had been a registered and lawful midwife for the past 15 years.

Det. Insp. P. Lowe, of the Commercial Crime Branch prosecuting told the Court that on September 18 this year, defendant went to the Registrar of Births and Deaths in Wan-chai to register on behalf of a baby, Li Wai-sum, the mother of whom was Yuen Kwan. Defendant failed in the full particulars of the child in the prescribed form.

SIGNED REGISTER

A few days later, defendant returned to the Registrar where a birth certificate for the child was issued to her. She then signed the register showing the particulars to be correct.

Enquiries revealed that the mother of the child was an amah employed in the Lai Chi Kok Hospital, and that the child was born on August 30 in a hut behind the Tung Wah Hospital, and not on September 11 at 317 Hennessy Road, second floor, as shown in these particulars.

It was also revealed that on September 17, the mother of the child went to defendant's home at the above address carrying the baby with her. The mother appeared to be in a very distressed condition and explained to defendant that since her child had not been vaccinated, she could not get a birth certificate. She asked defendant to vaccinate the child and to register for him. Defendant did so.

Insp. Lowe said that defendant did not receive any reward from the mother. However, defendant admitted that she did receive \$5 from the mother as vaccination fees.

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London Evening Standard

Christmas Pudding for Army Police



Winners of the Army cookery competition on Monday, 40 Infantry Division Provost Coy. kitchen team got to work early this morning making Christmas puddings for the unit. From left in picture are Cpl Dixon, RSM Nash, Capt. Roper and Pte Hale. The picture is typical of the seasonal atmosphere now invading Army kitchens all over the Colony. (Ross Miller).

Alleged Robbery: Trial Of Soldier Continues

Evidence of seeing a European being chased by a Chinese past Carnarvon Building in the direction of Nathan Road was given by a private watchman before the Acting Police Judge, Mr. Justice Scholes, at the Criminal Sessions this morning when the trial of Pte Kenneth Albert Leonard, of the 1st Bn. Wiltshire Regiment, on a charge of robbery with violence, was continued.

Leonard was accused of using violence in robbing a woman, Chan Pui-chun, 27, of a handbag containing \$36.50, a lipstick, a mirror, an identity card and personal papers in the Tamshat area on September 29 last. He pleaded not guilty and is being defended by Mr. V. L. J. D'Alton, instructed by the Deputy Assistant Director of Army Legal Services. The Prosecution is in the hands of Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, assisted by Det. Sub-Insps. C. J. March.

It was alleged by the Prosecution that accused went out in civilian clothes on September 29, and accosted the complainant in Mody Road. He is alleged to have laid hands on her and to have attempted to pull her onto the pavement into a side lane off Minlan Avenue. The woman struggled and her dress was torn. She claimed she was struck two blows in the face, and as a result of the struggle fell to the ground. Accused then

Storekeeper Charged

Henry Alexander Guterres, 28, storekeeper, of 104 Robinson Road, 2nd floor, was charged before Mr. Wicks at Kowloon this morning with larceny of 100 sparking plugs valued at \$2,400.

He was represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva and was remanded for seven days. Bail of \$2,000 was granted.

He was alleged to have stolen the sparking plugs from the Hongkong Aircraft Engineering Co., Ltd., between November 6 and 8 at Kai Tak where he was employed by the Company.

Two other defendants, Ng Tai-wai, 33, broker, of room 407, Tavern Hotel, Hennessy Road and Ng Tak-cheung, alias Eddie Wo, 37, broker, of 11 Gap Road, 1st floor, were charged with receiving stolen property. They were remanded for two days.

They were alleged to have received 153 aviation sparking plugs valued at \$605, the property of the Hongkong Aircraft Engineering Co., Ltd., at Union Building, Pedder Street, on Monday.

OBSTRUCTED GANGPLANK

For causing obstruction to the gangplank of the USS Hanson, three sampan women, Leung Sau, Chow Mut and Leung Kam-chung, were each fined \$10 by Mr. T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning.

Defendants, who were among the more than 30 whose small craft clustered around the warship yesterday, were the only ones arrested while the rest scattered at the approach of the Police.

Exemption From Landlord And Tenant Ordinance Granted Hongkong Hotel

Details of the new fourteen-storey building which is to replace the present Hongkong Hotel were revealed at the Tenancy Tribunal this morning when the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Limited applied before the President, Mr. W. H. Latimer, for exemption under section 31 (power to exclude operation of the Ordinance) of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, 1947.

After Mr. F. C. Barry, managing director of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Mr. Fung Tsun, the architect, and Mr. Mok Tsi-fung, managing director of the Local Enterprise Ltd, had given formal evidence, the President granted the recommendation for exemption.

Appearing for the applicants, Mr. D. A. L. Wright, who was instructed by Mr. P. A. L. Vine, of Messrs Deacons, emphasised that since the war the central area of the city had been extensively developed and that when opportunity presented itself every encouragement should be given to those who intended to carry it through.

The Company sought an application for vacant possession of their premises at the Local Enterprise Limited, a company incorporated in Hongkong and whose directors were all prominent businessmen.

The application was not opposed by the four present tenants, namely, Wai Kee and Black and Co. (represented by Mr. S. Ng Quinn), Pan-American Airways (for whom Mr. M. A. Gaan was present) and Tebb and Company (represented by Mr. Peter H. Sin).

Mr. Wright explained that the procedure under the Ordinance had been observed and the application of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels building which were let to tenants. Separate applications had been filed in respect of each tenant. He understood that each of the tenants had no objection to the recommendation being made for exemption.

Mr. Sin: I have no objection now, but I did have objection before.

Mr. Ng Quinn: I have no objection.

Mr. Gaan: No objection.

Mr. Wright, continuing, said that the application was made in pursuance of an agreement dated August 29, 1951. The reason for the application was to enable the Hotel Company to give vacant possession of the premises to the Local Enterprise Limited, a company incorporated in Hongkong.

The new building would be a fourteen storeys with basement. Hotel accommodation would be 120 rooms as against less than 50 now in the present building. The building will give all restaurant, grill room and bar facilities which one expected to find in a hotel, said Counsel.

There would be extensive office accommodation with a certain amount for shops.

NO PROBLEM
The cost of the new building was estimated to be in the region of \$5,000,000. Erection would be in two parts and it was anticipated that structure of the first half would be finished by October next year. The whole scheme would take about three years at the maximum.

Provision had been made to procure the essential building materials, said Mr. Wright. Finance would present no problem as all the directors of the newly-formed Company were prominent business men in the Colony. It was the intention of the Enterprise to call up more capital when required.

Agreements for alternative accommodation for the present tenants had been made with the exception of Pan-American Airways who had made their own arrangements.

In conclusion, Counsel stressed the benefit the building would provide for the public. "This particular area in the city," said Mr. Wright, "has been extensively developed since the war. There are the new Jardine premises, Edinburgh House and the Alexandria Building. When the opportunity presents itself for development every encouragement should be given to those who intend to carry it out."

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Living Language

Why we say Lynch-law.

Charles Lynch was a strong-minded Quaker who had a farm in Bedford County, U.S. during the American War of Independence. Because public services were disorganised he and three neighbours set up a tribunal to punish traitors. He never hanged anyone, but his name has wrongly come to be associated with mob-law, that is, violent punishment and even murder without fair trial.

Mail Notices

Latest times of posting at G.P.O. and at Kowloon Post Office: registered articles and parcels must be closed at least 15 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail times shown below:
Christmas Letter Mail by Air: for Great Britain, Europe, Africa, Australia & New Zealand will be closed at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 18.
For Canada, U.S.A. and Malaya at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12
Japan, Korea, 5 p.m. B.O.A.C.
Fuzhou, 5 p.m. H.K. Airways
By Surface:
Macao, 8 a.m. 8 p.m. ss Leo Hong/Tak Shing.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13
By Air:
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 8 a.m. via B.O.A.C.
Indo-China, 8 a.m. Air France.
Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, 3 p.m. C.P.A.
By Surface:
Macao, 8 a.m. 8 p.m. ss Leo Hong/Tak Shing.

China, People's Republic, 8:30 a.m. train via Canton.
Philippines & Parcel for France, 1 p.m.
Malaya, 2 p.m. ss Poyang.
Indonesia, 2 p.m. ss Fuzhou.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14
By Air:
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., 8 a.m. via C.P.A.
Formosa, 10 a.m. C.A.T.
Formosa, Okinawa, 5 p.m. H.K. Airways.

N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 8 p.m. Q.E.A.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, India, 8 p.m. B.O.A.C.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 3 p.m. P.A.L.
Siam, 3 p.m. P.O.A.S.
By Surface:
Macao, 8 a.m. 8 p.m. ss Leo Hong/Tak Shing.

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Indo-China, 8 a.m. ss Angelina.
Malaya, Indonesia, 2 p.m. ss Fuzhou.

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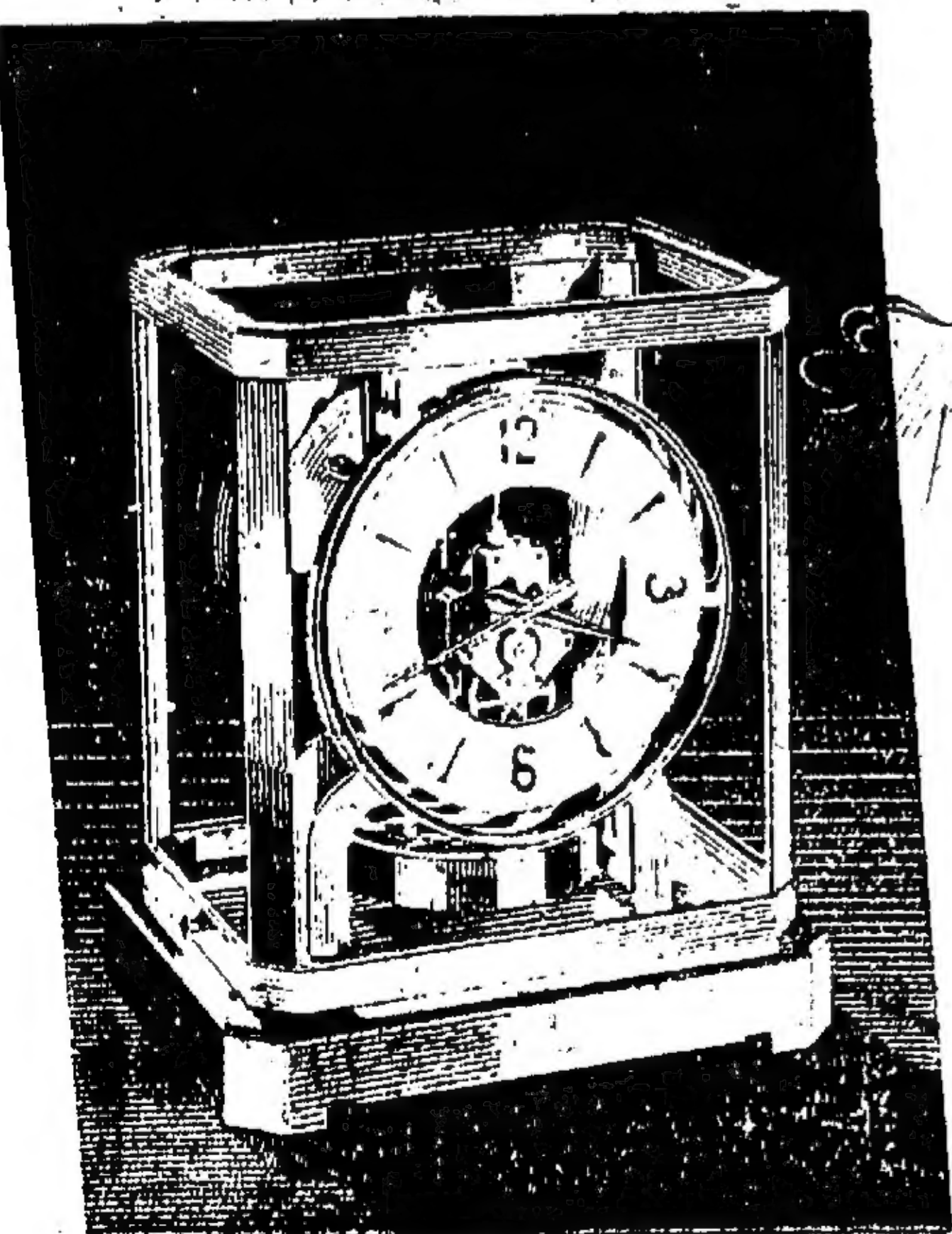
Answers
1. William Wordsworth. 2. East Cape, Siberia. 3. It is nearer to Africa. 4. A method of indicating meridians and parallels of latitudes on maps introduced by Mercator in the 16th century. 5. Eight years. 6. By the Isthmus of Panama.

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